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Q 21: Describe whether EPA followed all of the notice requirements of section 103 and section 304 of EPCRA after GKM blowout occurred.

Though the Gold King Mine is not a “facility” that produces, uses or stores hazardous chemicals for which EPCRA sections 103 and 304 specifically applies, all appropriate notifications were made. These notifications were made in accordance with the NCP (40 CFR 300.300 and .405) as detailed below.

- After the release occurred, the safety of on-site personnel was secured.
- Though the EPA crew was trapped at the mine site without cell coverage, they were able to radio an off-site EPA contractor and communicate with the Colorado State Department of Reclamation Mine Safety (DRMS) to make appropriate notification of the mine site release.
- DRMS personnel notified the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Spill Hotline and the National Response Center.
- CDPHE notified downstream water users including municipal and agricultural. Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Southern Ute Tribe and others were included in notifications.
- DRMS also (by chance) met with the San Juan County Sheriff who was in communication with County dispatch.
- EPA issued a press release, most routinely through the National Response Center (NRC) spill line.